



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 18th December 2020

Message from the Headteacher

End of term round-up

I would like to start this week's newsletter by extending heartfelt thanks to everyone in our marvellous St Margaret's Primary School community.

This year has given us challenges like no other and, without doubt, every group within our school has done all that has been asked of them with good grace and great effort. From the school governors to the children and their families, the class staff, the office staff, the kitchen staff and the site staff as well as the senior leaders, EVERYONE has pulled together to make the best of a very difficult time. I am so very proud of what we have achieved together.

As the term has drawn to a close, like all schools, our numbers of children attending has dwindled. Some of our children have had their Bubbles closed, others have chosen to stay at home. I understand the reasons behind the decision which each family has made – whether to send their child to school or not. I am pleased that we have been able to have a flexible approach and have provided learning opportunities to be completed at home or at school.

I wish all of our families – those of the children and the staff – a happy and safe Christmas holiday. I look forward to 2021 and know that, together, we will be able to successfully manage and deal with whatever trials come our way!

Reception Class 2021

Applications opened for Reception Class September 2021 on Thursday, 5th November. If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you can apply online for a place through the Kent County Council website:-

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places.

Applications close on **15th January 2021**.

Families are able to view the school via our 'Virtual Tour' on the school website. Please follow the link below.

<http://www.stmargaretsprimary.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=20>

Christmas Contact Tracing

Please look at the letter sent out yesterday for what to do if your child develops COVID symptoms or gets a positive test this weekend.

Remember to look out for the three main symptoms during the holiday, arrange a COVID test if your child has symptoms and do not send them back to school in January if they need to be isolating.

- a new continuous cough;
- a fever;
- a change in taste or smell

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Coronavirus Symptoms

Children or staff with any of the three symptoms of Covid:

- a new continuous cough;
- a fever;
- a change in taste or smell

are to stay at home and isolate, as must the rest of their household. They should get a Covid test.

Children and staff must also stay at home and isolate if a member of their household has any of these symptoms until the outcome of a Covid test is known and follow advice accordingly.

To get a test go online to:

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus) OR

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> OR

Telephone 111

Please keep the school well informed throughout the process

If your child tests positive for Covid you must immediately inform the school – by telephone on 01304 852639 during the school day. If you get a positive result at the weekend, during the evening or in a school holiday please email secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk

Helen Comfort

School Read-along - January 2021

All children in Key Stage 2 will be reading the book 'Charlotte's Webb' together. Mrs Lewis and Mrs Wallis will read the book to the children in Class 2. The children in classes R and 1 will be read the picture book version of the story: 'Some Pig!'. Years 3 to 6 children should bring their books to school on Monday, 4th January.



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 4th January 2021

Monday, 4th January - Term 3 starts for pupils

Lunch Menu – New Menu - Week 1

